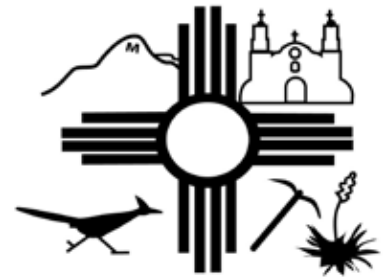


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How well do you know this town?

If a tourist stopped you on the street and asked, “What is there to do in this town? What is there to see?” would you be able to give them some suggestions? So many times we who live here forget what makes our town unique and worth visiting. Because we’ve been to these places at some time in the past, we forget about them and instead say, “Oh, there’s nothing to do here.” Well, what about:

The Mineral Museum On the campus at New Mexico Tech, the Mineral Museum houses more than 15,000 specimens of rocks and minerals—fun to look at even if you don’t consider yourself a “rock” person. The museum is open 8-5 Monday through Friday and 10-3 Saturday and Sunday. It’s free!

The Hammel Museum Former home of the Illinois Brewing Company, it’s open the first Saturday of every month from 9 to noon. Not only will you see cool stuff from when it was a brewery/soda/ice plant, you can see a huge model train layout the Socorro Train Gang has on the second floor!

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge The Refuge is the place to go from November through mid-February to see the fly-out and fly-in of the sandhill cranes and snow-geese. Any time of year there are trails to hike and bike and a tour loop you can drive to see some fantastic birds and wildlife. The Refuge has monthly education programs and a weekly “story hour” for kids.



Kristin and Jennifer will answer your questions at the Socorro Heritage and Visitor Center!

El Camino Real International Heritage and Visitor Center Okay, so the El Camino Real Visitor Center isn’t exactly in Socorro, but it is truly worth a visit. A New Mexico State Monument, this museum brings to life the trail that connected Mexico City with Santa Fe from the late 1500s. Stop by **Fort Craig** on your way.

The Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array Twenty-seven huge radio dishes—where else can you see such an awesome sight? The Visitor Center and self-guided walking tour are available every day. The first Saturday of every month you can get a behind-the-scenes tour. It’s incredible!

For more information—opening times, brochures, a historic walking tour of town—stop by the **Socorro Heritage and Visitor Center** in the rock building across from the main fire station near the Plaza. It’s a place worth visiting even if you don’t need brochures. They have historic photographs and exhibits about our town that you’ve probably never seen. Pretend you’re a tourist yourself, and get out and explore this place where you live!

Employee Anniversaries

Donald Padilla	5 years
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City Council

Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez	Nick Fleming
Gordy Hicks	Toby Jaramillo
Donald Monette	Michael Olguin, Jr.
Ernest Pargas, Jr.	Peter D. Romero
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor	Pat Salome, Clerk